EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) CRACKDOWN PROJECT SUMMARY

CRACKDOWN PROGRAM - \$2,244,766

Congress established the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Package (H.R. 3036). JAG combined the Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Block Grant Program and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program into a single program in an effort to streamline justice funding and grant administration. The JAG funds are authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. § 3751(a), and are used to support the CrackDown Multi-Community Task Force Program. The California Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigations (BI)'s CrackDown Program is responsible for combating inter-jurisdictional and intra-state drug trafficking focusing on methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana, and the diversion of legal drugs. CrackDown Program efforts are concentrated on targeting drug offenders within the Colombian cocaine cartels, California street gangs, and Mexican drug trafficking organizations providing smuggling routes through Mexico and California. The CrackDown Program complements the Anti-Drug Abuse Enforcement Team Program by supporting local multi-agency drug enforcement teams with Special Agents from the BI. This support program provides local drug enforcement teams with resources, equipment, and jurisdiction that they would lack in the absence of this program.